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Turning a new page!

It is with a deep sense of purpose and great excitement that we present to you the first issue of our monthly bulletin, 'Kendriya Vidyalaya Chronicle'. It is a step towards nurturing awareness, expression, and deepening connection with our schools spread across the country and even abroad!

With every column, feature, and photograph, we aim to celebrate the milestones of our schools, analyze events, or share students' and teachers' perspectives to inform, engage, and empower each one of us.

Each month, we intend to present the voices of 'Team KVS' that will inspire, achievements to be proud of, and thoughts that provoke reflection to make our school community more vibrant and engaging. And what better way to begin than by reflecting on a journey that has reshaped the fabric of our educational landscape- five transformative years of implementing the National Education Policy 2020. From our focus on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy to integrating competency-based learning in classrooms, from promoting digital and skill education to encouraging holistic development through sports, art, culture, and values, from encouraging teachers to adopt innovative pedagogies to continuous capacity building exercises, KVS has made significant strides.

One of the most transformative steps has been the gradual integration of Balvatikas in our schools, promoting the emotional and cognitive development of children at a very tender age through play and activity before the start of formal schooling. The Vidya Pravesh module further ensures a joyful and structured transition to Grade One, establishing a strong foundation for learning. Under the NIPUN BHARAT Mission, KVS has prioritized Foundational Literacy and Numeracy through engaging pedagogies and continuous observation and assessments guiding learning. KVS has adopted Competency-Based Learning and Assessment across classes, shifting focus from rote learning to understanding.

In the middle stage, pre-vocational education introduces students to AI while 'Bagless Days' offer experiences and skills. The spirit of experiential learning is encouraged, and students learn, explore, experiment, and innovate through Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), PRAYAAS, and with increasing participation in programmes like YUVIKA, INSPIRE Awards MANAK, reinforcing curiosity and creativity.

KVS has embraced digital integration, with most of the classrooms equipped with Smart classrooms, making learning more engaging and meaningful. While inclusivity has been a priority in KVS, focused capacity building of teachers with 50 hours of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) with the help of domain experts and knowledge partners remains central to support learning. As most of the KVs have transitioned into PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas, the attempt is to transform them into exemplar schools showcasing NEP 2020- blending innovation, inclusion, excellence, and promoting 'Indianness' into everyday schooling.

As we continue our journey, the launch of this e-monthly is an effort to provide a humble platform to our schools to celebrate and strengthen our collective efforts towards excellence. Let this monthly publication be a reflection of ethos, learning, and meaningful practices across all our schools.

Happy Reading!

~Nidhi Pandey
Commissioner

Record Revolution: Learn to Read and Read to Learn through AI initiative

R. Senthil Kumar
Dy. Commissioner, KVS RO Bhopal

Kendriya Vidyalayas across India have achieved a record by completing Oral Proficiency Tests for 7.13 lakh students of Classes 3 to 8 between 14 February and 6 March 2025 using the TARA (Teacher's Assistant for Reading Assessment) app. The app records students' reading, analyses their pronunciation, fluency, modulation, and comprehension, and provides explicit indicators of their reading abilities.

Each student receives an individualized report card detailing metrics like WCPM (Words Correct Per Minute), errors, omissions, pauses, and suggestions for improvement, along with audio clips. Students are categorized into four proficiency levels and given QR-based practice materials for targeted learning.

Reading is a foundational skill that supports learning across subjects. While KVs have always promoted reading, assessing each student individually was challenging. To overcome this, KVS collaborated with IIT Mumbai to develop the TARA app, enabling effective reading assessment and support at scale.

Efficient reading builds vocabulary, confidence, and comprehension—skills crucial for academic success and competency-based assessments. TARA is user-friendly, and previous implementations show teachers can easily record and upload student responses.

As the saying goes, "What is not measured cannot be managed." TARA provides detailed analysis for students, teachers, and educational ministrators, helping monitor progress at all levels—class, school, region, and national. These insights inform focused interventions in language learning.

By engaging lakhs of students in guided reading improvement, TARA has become a game-changer in KVS, driving a silent revolution of confident young readers. With continued use and practice, this initiative promises lasting impact.

Wishing all students and teachers the joy of reading—and leading!

A Catalyst for Academic Excellence

Transforming Education in KVS DCs' Conference

B.K. Behera
Dy. Commissioner (Acad.), KVS HQ

The Deputy Commissioners' Conference of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) is an important annual forum that fosters academic leadership, collaboration, and innovation across all Kendriya Vidyalayas. Rooted in the principles of review, analysis, implementation, and empowerment, the conference aligns academic planning with national priorities outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) and National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs).

The conference serves as a platform to review academic performance from the previous year, including classroom practices and student learning outcomes. It also sets the agenda for the current academic year by discussing targets, strategies, and best practices aimed at academic excellence.

This year's conference focused on academic outcomes in both Board and Non-Board classes. It reviewed findings from the Learners Achievement Tests (LAT) conducted for Grades 3, 5, and 8, and introduced a new initiative to promote reading fluency among students in Grades 3 to 8. The Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) programme, developed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai, aims to enhance reading skills in English and Hindi.

By equipping Deputy Commissioners and their academic teams with policy updates, tools, and a space for sharing innovations, the conference strengthens regional leadership in mentoring schools and supporting teachers. It promotes teacher autonomy, encourages remedial interventions, and recognizes school-level innovations to ensure inclusive and equitable education for all students.

During the conference held at IIT Mumbai, the Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, interacted with the Deputy Commissioners and commended KVS for its consistent efforts in providing quality education across the country. He acknowledged the significant progress made and encouraged KVS to strive for even greater heights of academic excellence in the future.

Ek Ped Maa ke Naam 2.0

10 Crore Saplings Targeted Across Schools

New Delhi, June 5: On World Environment Day, Hon'ble Education Minister Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan launched the nationwide 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam 2.0' campaign by planting a sapling at PM SHRI KV, Gole Market. The drive aims to plant 10 crore saplings across schools this year. A dedicated microsite and Eco Club portal were also unveiled to track green initiatives in over 14 lakh schools, strengthening India's mission toward net zero by 2070.

Best Practices of KVS

Summer Vacation Academic Initiative at PM SHRI KV Narela

Summer Break Transformed into Academic Booster
Leading by Example: Principal Covers 60% of Physics Syllabus

Neeraj Kumar Tyagi
Principal, PM SHRI KV Narela

As Principal of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Narela, I believe true leadership in education begins with personal involvement. During the summer vacation of 2025-26, we turned the break into an opportunity for academic reinforcement for Class 12 students.

Concerned by students' reliance on unverified sources, I began teaching one to two academic periods regularly to understand their needs better. With support from our dedicated teachers and parents, we launched summer academic classes focused on key subjects.

I personally covered 60% of the Physics textbook, addressing high-weightage topics and important board-level questions. Mrs. Renu Bhati, PGT Chemistry, also volunteered her time, teaching three crucial chapters and guiding students through probable exam questions.

What made this initiative special was the collective spirit. Nearly 90% of our students attended the sessions, showing great enthusiasm and discipline despite the holidays. Regular mentoring and motivation helped build their confidence and academic drive.

This initiative reflected our shared commitment to excellence and the values of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. It was a proud reminder that when teachers, students, and parents come together, even a vacation can become a stepping stone toward success.

Every Lesson Counts

More than Marks: A Journey of Purpose, Passion, and 100% Success

Ravindra Bhatt
PGT Physics, PM SHRI KV No. 2 SVN, Visakhapatnam

With immense joy and gratitude, I share a proud milestone—achieving 100% pass percentage and a Performance Index of 80.59 in my first full academic year as PGT Physics at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, SVN, Visakhapatnam.

Appointed through direct recruitment in November 2023, I approached this role with a deep commitment to make a meaningful impact. From day one, I focused on individualised academic support, relating concepts to real-life contexts for better understanding. I conducted remedial and enrichment classes, remained available after school for doubts, and made sure students felt supported emotionally as well as academically.

I paid close attention to both high achievers and late bloomers—challenging the former with critical thinking tasks and uplifting the latter through focused practice and motivation. I leveraged technology and digital resources to simplify complex concepts and ensured all students completed the 20 model papers issued by KVS RO, Hyderabad.

Parental involvement was encouraged for students needing extra support, and every strategy was aligned with the academic vision of the Regional Office and my school leadership. The classroom became a space of consistent engagement, care, and high expectations.

The result was not just academic success, but a visible transformation in student confidence and attitude toward learning. This journey reaffirmed my belief that consistent effort, empathy, and collaboration can unlock extraordinary results.

KVS is more than a workplace—it is a mission I am proud to serve with heart and purpose.

*(**Performance Index (PI)** is a metric that reflects both pass percentage and overall quality of student performance.)*

Reversing the Decline: A Story of Enrollment Revival and Transformation at KV NHPC Chamera-2

Harjeet Raj
Principal, KV NHPC Chamera-2

When I took charge as Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya NHPC Chamera-2 on 29th September 2023, I found great potential paired with urgent challenges. The school, nestled in the hills of Chamba, needed stronger direction, improved infrastructure, and closer community engagement—especially in line with NEP 2020.

Fostering Teamwork and Ownership
We began by building a culture of collaboration and shared decision-making. Regular staff meetings and open dialogue empowered every team member. The school's leadership aligned closely with NEP's vision of participative governance.

Infrastructure Revival through NHPC Support
With consistent help from NHPC, major upgrades were made—classroom renovations, sanitation improvements, and campus beautification. These enhancements boosted morale and community perception, laying the foundation for growth.

Reversing the Decline: A Remarkable Enrollment Boost
One of our proudest achievements was reversing a worrying decline in student enrollment. Through a focused VMC meeting and continuous engagement with NHPC and local families, we rebuilt trust in the school's vision. This led to a 15%+ increase in admissions. Career counselling sessions were introduced to support holistic development as envisioned in NEP 2020.

Inclusive Education for CwSN
Special attention was given to Children With Special Needs (CwSN). Under the "Special Minds, Unique Paths" initiative, 28 students were tracked with tailored interventions. A Mobile Van, supported by NHPC, visits twice weekly with specialists. 25 students showed significant improvement, highlighting the success of inclusive, structured support.

Sports, Wellness, and Cleanliness
We overcame geographic constraints to develop sports facilities—a cricket net, basketball, badminton courts, and indoor games. The "Dustbin-Free Classroom" campaign encouraged student-led cleanliness, promoting responsibility and environmental awareness.

Strengthening the Foundation Years
A key milestone was becoming the first project school in the KVS Gurugram Region to launch all three Balvatika classes, aligning perfectly with NEP's vision for foundational learning.

The transformation at KV NHPC Chamera-2 reflects what purposeful leadership, teamwork, and community support can achieve. Increased enrollment, inclusive practices, and student success are not just outcomes—they are signs of a Vidyalaya moving steadily toward excellence.

Success Story

From KV to AIR 36: My NEET 2025 Journey

Muktesh Tanmay
Student, PM SHRI KV Gomtinagar, Lucknow

I'm Muktesh Tanmay, a Class XII Science student (Session 2024–25) from **PM SHRI KV Gomtinagar, Lucknow**. I secured **All India Rank 36 (General Category – 28)** in **NEET UG 2025**, topped **Uttar Pradesh**, and also scored **98% in Class XII Board Examinations**.

My father, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, is a Principal at PM SHRI KV OEF Hazratpur, and my mother, Smt. Nirmala Mishra, is a homemaker. The disciplined, academically rich environment of KV Gomtinagar shaped my preparation. Teachers guided me consistently and provided emotional support throughout Classes XI and XII. Regular assessments, self-study habits, and problem-solving focus were key contributors to my performance.

Preparation Approach
My strategy revolved around **NCERT books**, **previous years' papers**, and **mock tests**. I prioritised concept clarity over rote learning. Daily revision, error analysis, and structured time management helped me stay on track.

Overcoming Challenges
Balancing NEET with board exam preparation was tough. Managing time and dealing with pressure wasn't easy. I stayed motivated with short breaks, self-belief, and encouragement from my family and teachers.

After the Exam
I felt confident but never expected a top-50 rank. Seeing AIR 36 was a surreal moment—full of joy and gratitude.

My Advice to Juniors

- Stick to NCERT and revise regularly
- Practice mock tests and analyse mistakes
- Stay consistent and calm
- Don't hesitate to ask doubts
- Trust your preparation and stay positive

I thank **my school, teachers, Principal, and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan** for being the backbone of my success. KVS gave me the space and support to grow.

Pustakayan

Released at KVS Deputy Commissioners' Conference

Mumbai, June 2: Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Govt. of India, unveiled 'Pustakayan' — a publication on best practices in promoting reading, by the KVS Training Branch during the 12th Annual Deputy Commissioners' Conference of KVS.

Special Story

Each One–Reach One

Mentorship that's Changing Lives in KVs of Guwahati Region

Over 2,000 struggling students mentored back to confidence and success
A regional initiative that's inspiring Kendriya Vidyalayas Nationwide

Chandrashekhar Azad
Dy. Commissioner, KVS RO Guwahati

In a quiet yet transformative move, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) Guwahati Region has launched a deeply human-centred initiative that is rewriting the educational journey for students who had once begun to slip through the cracks.

Titled **"Each One–Reach One"**, the programme is not a mass-scale mentoring scheme, but a focused intervention. It identifies students—right from **Balvatika to Class XII**—who are grappling with academic setbacks, emotional stress, or behavioural issues, and offers them personalised guidance by pairing them with a teacher or principal as a dedicated mentor.

A Ray of Hope for Struggling Students
These are children who were often seen as underachievers, some had slipped into the background of busy classrooms, and others were labelled as inattentive, disruptive, or indifferent. Many were burdened by fear of failure, domestic challenges, emotional insecurity, or lack of motivation. Some feel abandoned or lonely; they suffer from anxiety or panic attacks. Recognising these invisible struggles, the Kendriya Vidyalayas of Guwahati Region undertook a soulful identification process. Children showing signs of academic decline, behavioral issues, or emotional withdrawal were brought under the nurturing scope of the Each One–Reach One initiative.

Turning Points in Young Lives
In the academic year **2024–25**, out of **41,541** students enrolled in the Guwahati Region, **2,026** (5%) students were selected for mentorship—each receiving focused, consistent, and compassionate support from a teacher or principal committed to their holistic growth. An approach where every child feels seen, heard, valued and appreciated for what they are.

Through regular phone calls, classroom check-ins, motivational sessions, and even heartfelt home visits, mentors created a net of care and consistency. The intent was simple yet profound:
To ensure every child feels seen, supported, and capable of reclaiming their path to success and live their lives to the fullest.

Transforming Challenges into Confidence
Common issues among the mentored students included poor academic performance, exam anxiety, low self-esteem, peer pressure, and emotional isolation. Through this programme, they received:

- Support in closing learning gaps
- Help in developing communication and conceptual clarity
- Encouragement to set small, achievable goals
- Emotional reassurance and positive reinforcement (empowerment)
- Bond of love, light and connection

The impact has been profound. Among students from **Classes IX to XII**, the initiative has shown a **99.9% success rate**, measured through academic improvement, transformed behaviour, and enhanced classroom participation.

Nationwide Inspiration
What began in the misty hills of the North-East Region has now caught national attention. Several other KVS Regions have initiated steps to replicate the **Each One–Reach One** model, seeing in it a scalable, sensitive way to support the students who need it most.

Real Stories, Real Change
*"I had almost given up on myself after failing in two subjects," said **a Class VIII student**. "But my mentor never gave up on me. I started trying again because someone believed I could."*

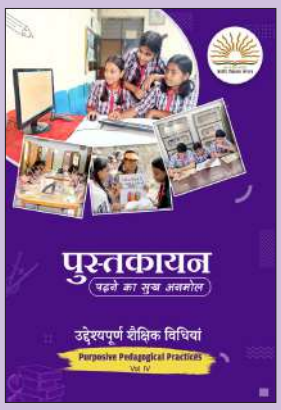
*"This programme has taught me that behind every struggling child is a story—and sometimes, a simple conversation can be the start of a breakthrough," shared a **TGT English**.*

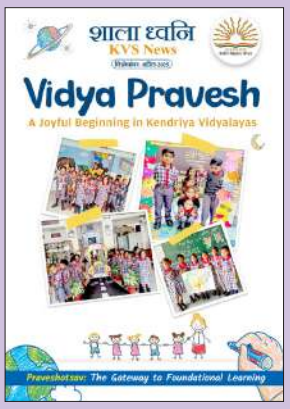
Mentoring the Mentors
To guide the guides, Guwahati Region has also initiated **"Mentors of Mentors"**, a support system where teachers are trained to mentor with SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound) goals, empathy, and regular progress reviews.

A New Chapter in Inclusive Education
At its heart, *Each One–Reach One* is a reminder that education is not just about results—it's about relationship. By ensuring that every struggling student is personally supported, the initiative is not only transforming lives, but **redefining what it means to teach, lead, and care** in today's educational landscape.

Because sometimes, it only takes one person to believe, connect and care enough— And a life is forever transformed.

Latest Publications





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Video of the Month

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Special Video on PM SHRI Activities in Kendriya Vidyalayas

Yoga Day in KVS

Scan the QR Code to watch!

Celebration of 11th International Day of Yoga in across KVS

Thought to Ponder

We are shaped by our thoughts, we become what we think. When the mind is Pure, Joy follows like a shadow that never leaves.

Highlights of June 2025

Grand Celebration of IDY 2025 in KVs across the country

New Delhi, June 21: Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country organised impressive events to mark the 11th International Day of Yoga. Commissioner, KVS, Smt. Nidhi Pandey, along with senior officials, participated in the programme at PM SHRI KV, Sector 12, Dwarka. Together with students and teachers, they practised yoga and encouraged all to adopt it for a stress-free, disciplined, and healthy life.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Bundi Moves to Modern Campus, Doubles Capacity

Bundi, June 17: Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker and MP of Kota Shri Om Birla inaugurated the new building of Kendriya Vidyalaya Bundi today. The school, which had been functioning from a temporary setup, now shifts to a modern facility equipped with advanced amenities. This transition boosts the school's capacity from 400 to over 900 students, promising enhanced educational opportunities for the region.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Launched in Bijnor, Classes to Begin This Session

Bijnor, June 21: Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated the temporary campus of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Bijnor today and performed the groundbreaking ceremony for its permanent building. The new KV is set to open doors this academic session, promising quality, nationally benchmarked education for the region's students and bright prospects for coming generations.

Secretary, DoSEL Applauds PM SHRI Implementation at KV INS Hamla

Mumbai, June 2: Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, visited PM SHRI KV INS Hamla on the sidelines of the 12th Annual Deputy Commissioners' Conference of KVS. He praised KVS for effectively implementing the PM SHRI scheme and NEP 2020, calling it a milestone in transforming school education. Students performed a creative Qawwali on PM SHRI, and an exhibition featured innovative projects from KVs across the Mumbai Region.

Football for Schools Launched at PM SHRI KV Fort William

Kolkata, June 29: Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Football for Schools (F4S) initiative at PM SHRI KV Fort William, Kolkata. 2,487 FIFA footballs were distributed to 349 schools in Kolkata, as part of a larger state-wide distribution of 88,113 footballs across West Bengal, benefiting over 15–16 lakh students. The event featured a symbolic match between KV Fort William and Birla High School, with KV Fort William emerging victorious.

Bhartiya Bhasha Summer Camp 2025 Promotes Unity in Diversity

New Delhi, June 2025: Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country organised the Bhartiya Bhasha Summer Camp 2025, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Education, inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Aligned with the vision of NEP 2020, the week-long camp aimed to nurture multilingualism and cultural harmony by encouraging students to learn Indian languages other than their mother tongue. The camp featured engaging activities like storytelling, folk dances, art, and regional cuisines, turning classrooms into vibrant spaces of intercultural learning. Students gained a deeper appreciation of India's rich heritage. Certificates were awarded to all participants, symbolising their role in furthering the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat."

Sanskrit Corner

हिरण्मयेन पात्रेण सत्यस्यापिहितं मुखम्।
तत्त्वं पूषन्नपावृणु सत्यधर्माय दृष्टये॥

Meaning

The truth is hidden by a golden vessel. O Nourisher, please reveal it to me so that I may see the truth!

Achievers of the Month

KVian shines in Moscow

Vihan Raj of PM SHRI KV Jalore, Jaipur won the gold medal at the Moscow Wushu Star Championship 2025, held in Moscow Russia.

Gold Medal in Taekwondo

Divyana Dorothy Haloi of PM SHRI KV Khanapara won Gold at the 4th national Cadet & Junior Taekwondo Championship, Dehradun. Selected for the 6th Asian Cadet Taekwondo Championship in Malaysia.

Malaysia Calling

Km. Prachi Sarkar of KV IIT Guwahati won Gold in the POOMSAE category at the 4th India Taekwondo National Championship 2025, Dehradun. She was selected for the Asian Championship 2025 in Malaysia.

From Classroom to Captaincy

Ananya Swain of PM SHRI KV No. 2 CRPF BBSR selected as the Captain of U-18 (G) Kabaddi Team of Odisha State.

Selected for IESO, China

Apam Nidhi Pandey of PM SHRI KV No. 1, Jaipur is selected among India's top 4 students to represent the nation at the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO-2025) in China.

576 Suryanamaskar

Akshara Kale of PM SHRI KV Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Cantt. performed 576 Suryanamaskars, won ₹21,000, and is recommended for the Guinness World Record!

Navani plants 257 saplings

Km. S. Navani of PM SHRI KV Ananthapur personally planted 257 saplings and distributed over 2,500 seeds— a true Brand Ambassador of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. Salute to her great efforts!

Kripali in Japan

Km. Kripali Sunil of PM SHRI KV, Payyannur, was selected for the prestigious SAKURA Science High School Program and visited Japan under the INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme.

Ticket to Russia

Km. Asmee Inamdar of PM SHRI KV, IIT Powai got selected to represent India at the International Junior Science Olympiad 2025 in Russia.

First Prize in Painting

Pardisha Sarkar of KV BSF, Gokulnagar won 1st prize in a state painting contest and was honored by Hon'ble Minister of Forest, Science & Technology, Govt. of Tripura, Shri Animesh Debbarma.

Power of Pen

In the UPU 2025 Letter Writing Competition, Krishnendu of PM SHRI KV No. 2, CRPF Bhubaneswar won I place with ₹25K, while Sanjushree of PM SHRI KV INS Chilka secured III place with ₹5K.

Harit Vidyalaya Samman

PM SHRI KV No. 2, Bhopal received the state-level Harit Vidyalaya Samman with ₹50,000, a silver memento, and a certificate from Hon'ble CM Shri Mohan Yadav for excellence in environmental conservation.

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